

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF WORTH
March 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Village President Werner called the regular meeting of the Village of Worth Village Board to order on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Clerk	Bonnie M. Price
Village Trustees:	Kevin Ryan
	William Nilles
	Brad Urban
	Rich Dziedzic
	Laura Packwood

Also Present:

Village Attorney	Katie Nagy
Superintendent of Public Works	Ed Urban
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Finance Director	Wonderful Watson

The Pledge of Allegiance

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Werner stated that the Outdoor presentation is not taking place as Outdoor needs to apply for a building permit and submit it to the building department.

President Werner announced several upcoming events:

- Fish Fry at Water's Edge Golf Club every Friday till April 4
- Fish Fry at Marrs Meyer American Legion every Friday till April 4 from 4-7:30 p.m.
- Scout Troop 668 and Cub Scout 3668 Pancake Breakfast on April 11, 2026 at St Marks Church
- Shepard High School Arts and Craft Fair on April 18, 2026

VILLAGE CLERK

Clerk Price stated that on the consent agenda is to pass Resolution 26-02 a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to make certain written executive session meeting minutes available for public inspection and authorizing destruction of certain executive session meeting recordings. We are releasing July 1, 2025, minutes. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Clerk Price announced that early voting starts March 2, the closest early voting site is Palos Heights Recreation Department. and the election will be on March 17. Our Village Board Meeting will be held on March 18 at 6:55 as there is a public hearing for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the bill list dated March 3, in the amount of \$82,513.50. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

Trustee Ryan stated that on the consent agenda is to approve the payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$407,011.72. Without any objection, this will remain on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Nilles announced the Worth FOP Polar Plunge to be held on March 14 at the Marris Meyer American Legion at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

No report.

BUILDING/LICENSING/ORDINANCES

Trustee Ryan asked Trustee Dziejczak about the Real Estate Development Board REDB meeting on March 2, 2026, regarding the definitions for businesses. Trustee Dziejczak explained that the REDB is going to have a committee work on this and return to the REDB on May 4, 2026. He stated that it has come to the REDB's attention that there are federal laws. President Bill Clinton signed the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA) into law on September 22, 2000. Trustee Ryan asked what the Village Board can put in place to make sure this does not happen until the May meeting. Attorney Nagy stated that the Village cannot exclude religious assembly in a places of assembly. Trustee Ryan stated that the business license that was approved was paying property taxes and sales tax now it is a 401C3 and not paying taxes. Trustee Ryan asked the attorney if the board could create a generic ordinance to allow a business that has been approved to not be able to change the type of business unless you come to the board for approval. Trustee Packwood explained that the business was purchased as a banquet hall then was going to cater food and removed the kitchen, then a community center and now a mosque and we did not know this until a sign went up. Attorney Nagy stated that Attorney Jones would look into options. Trustee Ryan stated they are now a non-tax generated business that should have gone in front of the REDB for a special use and a parking variance.

President Werner will send the board the memo that was discussed at last nights REDB meeting.

Trustee Packwood asked the attorney if we can limit the number of banquet facilities and community centers. The Village is losing tax money. We are losing our tax base because we approve special use businesses. Trustee Ryan stated that special use can be denied due to parking.

BUSINESS LICENSES

No report

GOLF COURSE

No report

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Packwood seconded by Trustee Dziejdzic to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Trustee Urban, Nilles, Packwood, Ryan, and Dziejdzic, (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Adamski (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda
March 3

Approve the meeting minutes from February 17, 2026

Pass Resolution 26-02 a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to make certain written executive session meeting minutes available for public inspection and authorizing destruction of certain executive session meeting recordings

Approve the bill list dated March 3, in the amount of \$82,513.50

Approve the payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$407,011.72

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Nilles seconded by Trustee Ryan to establish the consent agenda. A roll call followed. Trustee Urban, Nilles, Ryan Packwood, and Dziejdzic, (5). Nays: (0). Absent: Adamski (1). Abstain: (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Urban moved seconded by Trustee Ryan to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. A voice vote. Motion carried.

Bonnie M. Price, CMC
Village Clerk